

**PATENT**  
**IBM Docket No. JP920000247US1**

**In the Claims:**

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1.(Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

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a housing defining a front mounting surface having a pocket formed therein,  
wherein the mounting surface is a surface on said housing selected from the group  
consisting of a surface with the largest area and a surface essentially parallel to a plane  
containing the surface with the largest area;

an enhancement connector, disposed on ~~said housing~~ the pocket, and which  
supports connection to a plurality of I/O ports of a portable information processing  
apparatus; and

a holding member, coupled to said housing, which holds the portable information  
processing apparatus substantially vertical to said housing and in connection with said  
enhancement connector.

2.(Canceled)

3.(Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a display unit attached to said housing so as to be adjustable in position.

4.(Original) The apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said housing houses a device which extends the function of the portable  
information processing apparatus.

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5.(Currently amended) An apparatus ~~having an enhancement connector which supports connections of a plurality of I/O ports of a portable information processing apparatus;~~ comprising:

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a housing, ~~coupled to the enhancement connector~~ having a mounting surface wherein the mounting surface is a surface on said housing selected from the group consisting of a surface with the largest area and a surface essentially parallel to a plane containing the surface with the largest area, and adapted to house ~~the~~ a portable information processing apparatus in a position substantially vertical to an installation surface on which ~~said the portable information processing~~ apparatus is installed;

an enhancement connector, disposed on said housing, which supports connections of a plurality of I/O ports of the portable information processing apparatus;  
and

a stopper, coupled to the mounting surface, which supports the portable information processing apparatus to be connected to said housing;

wherein the mounting surface of said housing ~~having a holding member which initially enables the portable information processing apparatus to be downwardly connected to said housing in a direction opposed by the installation surface.~~

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6.(Currently amended) The An apparatus according to ~~claim 5~~, comprising:

a housing having a mounting surface wherein the mounting surface is a surface on said housing selected from the group consisting of a surface with the largest area and a surface essentially parallel to a plane containing the surface with the largest area, and adapted to house a portable information processing apparatus in a position substantially vertical to an installation surface on which the portable information processing apparatus is installed;

an enhancement connector, disposed on said housing, which supports connections of a plurality of I/O ports of the portable information processing apparatus; and

a stopper, coupled to the mounting surface, which supports the portable information processing apparatus to be connected to said housing;

wherein said housing further includes a pocket on the mounting surface having an opening substantially vertical to the installation surface; surface, and

said stopper is formed at any one of four side walls of said pocket.

7.(Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~5~~, 5:

wherein said stopper ~~is a sliding table adapted to hold~~ is rail mounted and holds the portable information processing apparatus substantially vertical to the installation surface and slidable toward and away from ~~said pocket~~; the mounting surface.

8.(Canceled)✓

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9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) An processing apparatus, comprising:

~~a vertical type connection enhancement apparatus having a front facing surface side and adapted to support connections of a plurality of I/O ports;~~

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a vertically oriented connection enhancement apparatus adapted to support connections of a plurality of I/O ports and defining a front surface having a pocket formed therein, wherein the front surface is a surface on said connection enhancement apparatus selected from the group consisting of a surface with the largest area and a surface essentially parallel to a plane containing the surface with the largest area ;

a portable information processing apparatus removably attached to said connection enhancement apparatus from ~~said the front facing surface side; side; and~~

a holding member, coupled to said connection enhancement apparatus, which holds the portable information processing apparatus substantially vertical to said housing and in connection with said connection enhancement apparatus.

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11.(Currently amended) The processing apparatus according to claim 10,

wherein said portable information processing apparatus includes a display panel; and

said portable information processing apparatus is attached to said connection enhancement apparatus so that ~~said the~~ display panel faces substantially away from ~~said the~~ front facing surface side.

12.(Canceled)

13.(New) An apparatus comprising:

a housing defining a mounting surface having a pocket formed therein, wherein the mounting surface is a surface on said housing selected from the group consisting of the surface with the largest area and the surface essentially parallel to a plane containing the surface with the largest area ;

a rotatable member extended from said housing; and

an enhancement connector, disposed on said rotatable member, which supports connection to a plurality of I/O ports of a portable information processing apparatus;

wherein said rotatable member is rotatably movable from an initial position parallel to the installation surface to the installed vertical position.

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14.(New) The apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the mounting surface is lower in vertical height than the surface essentially parallel to a plane containing the surface with the largest area.

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